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## THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Society Members:

During the past several months a number of significant happenings have occurred involving the Horry County Historical Society.

After several months of efforts by members of the Society the Horry County School Board voted 5-2 to demolish the old Conway High School. The building was destroyed in June of 1988. The old Loris High School has been spared for the time being. I appreciate the support we received from society members, as well as members of the community and media. Also, the votes of Mr. Henry Marlowe and Mr. Terry Hucks in favor of saving the building should be noted. The Horry County Historical Society will continue to be a voice for the preservation of significant sites within Horry County.

In July, the Horry County Council was named the first recipient of the Horry County Historical Society Preservation Award for its significant contributions to the preservation of Horry County's history and heritage. This award was made possible through the Ernest Harper Charitable Trust. Among the council's contributions during the past few years have been the restoration of the Burroughs School and Auditorium, the creation of the Horry County Preservation Ordinance which protects significant buildings in unincorporated sections of the County, and the recent grant for a survey of historic structures in the county.

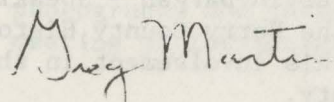
On July 11, 1988 the Horry County Historical Society held its summer meeting. Mr. Ervin Dargan presented a program on his experiences in the timber industry. The Society presented a plaque to E. R. "Rick" McIver for his twelve years of service to the Society as Editor of the IRQ. Society members brought old photographs which were shared.

In August of 1988 Ben Burroughs was appointed District 8 representative to the Executive Council of the Confederation of South Carolina Local Historical Societies. Ben will represent local groups from Horry, Georgetown and Williamsburg counties.

The Fall meeting of the Society will be October 10, 1988 at 7:30 P.M. at First United Methodist Church in Conway. Mr. Bill Kinney is the scheduled speaker. His topic is the National Register of Historic Places. David Smith has asked that everyone bring an interesting object to the meeting. Officers for the coming year will be elected. Please try to attend.

I remain

Truly yours,



Greg Martin, President  
Horry County Historical Society



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Mr. Ervin Dargan - Speaking at the Summer meeting of the Horry County Historical Society. His subject was his involvement in the lumber industry in Horry County.





Pictured above are Mr. & Mrs. E.R. McIver. "Rick" was presented with a plaque honoring and thanking him for his twelve years of service to the Society as Editor of the Independent Republic Quarterly.



HCHS members sharing old photographs and interesting stories after the summer meeting of the Society.



## R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Horry County Historical Society is to document and preserve the history of Horry County; AND

WHEREAS, in January of 1988, the Horry County Historical Society established the Horry County Historical Society Preservation Award with funds it receives from the Ernest Harper Charitable Trust, to recognize significant contributions to the Preservation of Horry County's history and hertiage; AND

WHEREAS, the Horry County Council has made significant contributions to the preservation of the history and heritage of Horry County by:

1. Restoring the Old Burroughs School and Auditorium;
2. Establishing the Horry County Preservation Ordinance;
3. Establishing the Horry County Board of Architectural Review;
4. Obtaining certified local Government status for Horry County;
5. Undertaking a survey of historical sites in Horry County;
6. Planning for the development of the Vereen Memorial Historical Gardens;
7. Providing partial funding for Conway-Main Street, USA;
8. Establishing and maintaining the Horry County Museum, as well as making other significate contributions.

KNOW THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED that the Horry County Council is the first recipient of the Horry County Historical Society Preservation Award.

PASSED JUNE 13, 1988,  
BY THE HORRY COUNTY  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD  
OF DIRECTORS.



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SOUTH CAROLINA INVENTORY FORM FOR HISTORIC DISTRICTS AND  
INDIVIDUAL PROPERTIES IN A MULTIPLE PROPERTY SUBMISSION  
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NAME OF MULTIPLE PROPERTY SUBMISSION: Conway Multiple Resource Area

PREFERRED NAME OF PROPERTY: Arthur M. Burroughs House

COMMON NAME OF PROPERTY: Same

LOCATION: 500 Lakeside Drive

CLASSIFICATION: Building

OWNER: Franklin G. and Geraldine Burroughs  
500 Lakeside Drive  
Conway, S.C.

DESCRIPTION

This house overlooking Kingston Lake was constructed ca. 1903-1904 for Arthur Manigault Burroughs by contractor Henry P. Little, whose house is also included in the nomination for the Conway Multiple Resource Area (see individual inventory form).(1) The two-story, asymmetrical plan frame residence is sheathed in shiplap siding and has a gabled-on-hip roof with two-story projecting pedimented bays. A two-story octagonal tower with turret, with bell-cast roof, is at the east corner of the house. A one-story hipped-roof porch wraps the facade (southeast) and right (northeast) elevations.

The facade is asymmetrical in composition. A two-story projecting pedimented bay, with centered, one-over-one, double-hung sash windows with louvered shutters, is left of the recessed centered entrance bay. Sawtoothed shingles sheath the gable and a small, square attic light with diamond-shaped tracery over a single light is centered at the gable. The recessed entrance has a single-leaf door with sidelights and transom which have linear tracery. Above the entrance, at the second story, is a rectangular fixed light set horizontally. The turret at the east corner has one-over-one windows at five sides of the octagonal tower at the first and second stories. The windows at the first story are rectangular double-hung sash and those at the second story are round-headed with fixed top-sash and have decorative surrounds with key blocks and shoulder moulds. The polygonal roof has flared eaves and a finial spire. The right (northeast) elevation is similar in composition, although reversed, to the facade. The pedimented projecting bay is at the right side of this elevation. A porch at this elevation is partially screened. The hipped-roof porch also has low, peaked gables over the two entrance bays. Two interior brick chimneys pierce the roof and the house rests on a brick-pier-with-infill foundation. A small one-story appendage extends across the rear elevation.

Several alterations dating from the 1920s and 1960s have not significantly compromised the integrity of the house.





The recessed entrance has a single-leaf door with sidelights and transom which have linear tracery.



The Arthur M. Burroughs House, ca. 1903-1904.  
A fine example of Queen Anne-influenced architecture.



## SIGNIFICANCE

AREA OF SIGNIFICANCE: Architecture/Local History

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: L (FOR OFFICE USE ONLY)

The Arthur Burroughs House is significant as a fine example, and a late example, of Queen Anne-influenced architecture. It is the best such example in Conway, and is significant as well for its association with Arthur M. Burroughs, prominent local businessman.

Arthur M. Burroughs was the son of Franklin G. Burroughs, co-founder of the Burroughs and Collins Company, and was successful in his own right in the local lumber industry. He worked for the Conway Coast and Western Railroad for several years before co-founding the Conway Lumber Company, and subsequently founded the A.M. Burroughs Lumber Company, which was located across Kingston Lake from this house.(2)

This house was built by Henry P. Little ca. 1903-1904 for \$2800 utilizing materials furnished by the A.M. Burroughs Lumber Company, and the house was occupied soon after Burroughs' marriage to Frances G. Coles in November 1904.(3) Burroughs was killed in August 1912 in an accident at the Southern Wood Products Company, when a resin-processing tank exploded.(4) The house passed to his mother, then to his sons and widow and is now owned by a son, Franklin G. Burroughs.(5)

ACREAGE: .8 Acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: The boundary of the nomination is shown as the black line on the accompanying Horry County Tax Map # 137-2, section 14, parcel 18, drawn at a scale of 100 feet to the inch. The nominated property includes the house and its immediate setting.

QUAD NAME: Conway

QUAD SCALE: 1:24,000

## NOTES

1) Franklin G. Burroughs to J. Ben Burroughs, 24 November 1985, National Register Files, State Historic Preservation Office, South Carolina Department of Archives and History, Columbia, S.C.

2) Lucille Burroughs Godfrey, unpublished typescript memoirs, n.d., National Register Files, State Historic Preservation Office, South Carolina Department of Archives and History, Columbia, S.C.

3) Franklin G. Burroughs to J. Ben Burroughs.

4) Horry Herald (Conway, S.C.), 15 August 1912.

5) Franklin G. Burroughs to J. Ben Burroughs.

UTM REFERENCE POINT: 17/680680/3746020





The J.W. Holliday, Jr. House - Built in 1910.  
An example of beaux-arts-influenced architecture.





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NAME OF MULTIPLE PROPERTY SUBMISSION: Conway Multiple Resource Area

PREFERRED NAME OF PROPERTY: J.W. Holliday, Jr. House

COMMON NAME OF PROPERTY: Same

LOCATION: 701 Laurel Street

CLASSIFICATION: Building

OWNER: Louise Holliday Smith  
David Bomar Smith  
701 Laurel Street  
Conway, S.C. 29526

DESCRIPTION

This house was constructed in 1910 for Joseph William Holliday, Jr., and is a two-story, rectangular, side-gable, frame, weatherboard-clad residence, dominated by a pedimented beaux-arts-style portico with giant paired Ionic columns. A small cameo window adorns the facade's pedimented gable. Two interior, ridge-line, corbeled brick chimneys pierce the roof line.

The facade (northeast elevation) is symmetrically composed. The fenestration at the first story is AABAA, where A = a single, one-over-one, double-hung sash window, and B = a single-leaf entrance door with beveled and etched oval window and carved ornamentation. A one-story-with-deck hipped-roof porch extends across the facade and wraps the left (southeast) elevation and features fifteen Ionic columns. A porte-cochere with tapered, squared posts supporting the roof is at the right (northwest) elevation. The second story fenestration is also AABAA, where A = windows identical to the first story, and B = a single-leaf door which opens onto the balcony deck. The side elevations feature one-over-one windows in an asymmetrical composition and pedimented gables. A round-headed window flanked by rectangular vertical louvered vents within a Palladian-influenced motif is centered in the pedimented gable of the southeast elevation.

The interior has an unusual architectural screen which separates the foyer and a dog-leg staircase. Ionic columns support a spool-and-spindle motif entablature, which features a central carved "H"

The grounds were landscaped in 1916 by the Landscape Company of Augusta, Georgia. A frame double garage, which is a noncontributing building, is also located on the lot.



## SIGNIFICANCE

AREA OF SIGNIFICANCE: Architecture/Local History

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: L (FOR OFFICE USE ONLY)

The J.W. Holliday, Jr. House is significant as Conway's only extant example of beaux-arts-influenced architecture as well as for its association with J.W. Holliday, Jr., a prominent local farmer.

Joseph William Holliday, Jr. was the son of local tobacco grower and merchant J.W. Holliday, who introduced tobacco into Horry County at Galivants Ferry. The son was an 1893 graduate of The Citadel and later moved to Conway. He became a leading tobacco grower, owning over 10,000 acres in Florence, Georgetown, Williamsburg and Horry Counties. This house was built for Holliday utilizing local lumber in 1910.<sup>1</sup> His wife was the former Lucy Ella Mayo, daughter of John Asa Mayo and the former Lucy Elizabeth Burroughs.

J.W. Holliday, Jr. died in 1938. The house passed to his daughter and son, then to his daughter-in-law, and is now owned by his granddaughter, Louise Holliday Smith (Mrs. David Bomar Smith) and her husband Mr. David Bomar Smith of Conway.

ACREAGE: .6 Acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: The boundary of the nomination is shown as the black line on the accompanying Horry County Tax Map # 137-2, section 16, parcel 9, drawn at a scale of 100 feet to the inch. The nominated property includes the house and its immediate setting.

QUAD NAME: Conway

QUAD SCALE: 1:24,000

UTM REFERENCE POINT: 17/680320/3745880

## NOTES

1) Sarah Holliday Smith, "The Joseph William Holliday House," unpublished typescript, 1985; Mrs. Elizabeth B. Holliday, unpublished manuscript sketch of J.W. Holliday and J.W. Holliday, Jr., 1985; National Register Files, State Historic Preservation Office, South Carolina Department of Archives and History, Columbia, S.C.



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NAME OF MULTIPLE PROPERTY SUBMISSION: Conway Multiple Resource Area

PREFERRED NAME OF PROPERTY: Paul Quattlebaum House

COMMON NAME OF PROPERTY: Same

LOCATION: 225 Kingston Street

CLASSIFICATION: Building

OWNER: Mrs. Laura Quattlebaum Jordan  
225 Kingston Street  
Conway, S.C.

DESCRIPTION

The Paul Quattlebaum House is a one-and-one-half story, gambrel-roofed, shingle-clad frame residence. A ca. 1890 streetscape photograph depicts a one-room-deep, two-room wide, two-story gable end residence with a one-story shed-roof porch on the site of this house. From stylistic evidence the pictured house appears to date from the early nineteenth century; it was this house which was remodeled in 1911 by Paul Quattlebaum to take its present configuration.

The house follows an L-shaped plan and has a single exterior end chimney, which has been sealed, and rests on a brick pier and infill foundation. The facade is symmetrically composed and has three bays and a full-width one-story porch. The first story fenestration is ABA, where A = a double two-over-one double-hung sash window in a slightly projecting bay, and B = a single-leaf entrance door also set in a slightly projecting bay and with sidelights set at a slight angle. The second story fenestration consists of three double two-over-one windows set in hipped dormers with projecting eaves. The one-story flat-roofed porch is composed of three bays which are defined by paired wooden posts which rest on a low shingle wall. The right (north-west) elevation has a one-story flat-roofed, rectangular projecting bay (added during the 1911 remodeling) which has single and double two-over-one windows centered in the gambrel. The left (southeast) elevation has an exterior brick chimney flanked by single two-over-one windows. A one-and-one-half story gambrel-roofed appendage extends from the rear elevation.

The interior also possesses integrity from the 1911 renovation. A notable feature is the breakfast nook in the kitchen and cabinets which were handcrafted by W.H. Winborne, a local cabinet and furniture maker, whose house is also included in the nomination for the Conway Multiple Resource Area (see individual inventory form).



A modern garage, which is a noncontributing building, is located on the property.

### SIGNIFICANCE

AREA OF SIGNIFICANCE: Architecture

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: L (FOR OFFICE USE ONLY)

The Paul Quattlebaum House is significant as an example of an early twentieth century-remodeling of an early nineteenth-century residence, reflecting contemporary prevailing fashion.

Paul Quattlebaum gained a degree in Electrical and Mechanical Engineering from Clemson College in 1907 and returned to Conway to found the Conway Light and Power Company, which was located across Kingston Street from his father's residence (see individual inventory form). He subsequently founded the Quattlebaum Ice Company and the Quattlebaum Light and Ice Company in Conway. Quattlebaum served as a state senator from 1935 to 1944 and as president of the Conway Chamber of Commerce. In later life he wrote numerous articles and books on local history, most notably The Land Called Chicora (1956). Quattlebaum died in 1964 and the house is now owned by his daughter, Mrs. Laura Quattlebaum Jordan.(1)

ACREAGE: .3 Acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: The boundary of the nomination is shown as the black line on the accompanying Horry County Tax Map # 137-2, section 1, parcel 10, drawn at a scale of 100 feet to the inch. The nominated property includes the house and its immediate setting.

QUAD NAME: Conway

QUAD SCALE: 1:24,000

UTM REFERENCE POINT: 17/680880/3745400

### NOTES

1) Emily Bellinger Reynolds and Joan Reynolds Faunt, eds., Biographical Directory of the Senate of the State of South Carolina 1776-1964 (Columbia, S.C.: South Carolina Department of Archives and History, 1964), pp. 294-95; Interview with Mrs. Laura Quattlebaum Jordan, 20 February 1986.





The Paul Quattlebaum House was remodeled in 1911 by Paul Quattlebaum to take its present configuration.



Early photographs of this house reveal stylistic evidence that appears to date the house from the early 1800's.



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NAME OF MULTIPLE PROPERTY SUBMISSION: Conway Multiple Resource Area

PREFERRED NAME OF PROPERTY: H.W. Ambrose House

COMMON NAME OF PROPERTY: Dunmeade

LOCATION: 1503 Elm Street

CLASSIFICATION: Building

OWNER: Lollice B. Courtney  
1503 Elm Street  
Conway, S.C.

DESCRIPTION

The H.W. Ambrose House, which was built from 1924 to 1926, is a large two-and-one-half-story, cruciform plan, brick residence. A steeply-pitched gable roof encompasses the top one-and-one-half stories and is sheathed in slate.

The facade is composed of four blocks. The one-and-one-half-story central block is flanked on the left by a smaller one-story block and on the right by a larger two-and-one-half story block. A two-story, gable-front bay projects from the central section. The one-story block features a pair of French doors with sidelights. The one-and-one-half-story section has three bays. The first story is AAB, where A = a single six-over-six, double-hung sash window, with louvered shutters, which have a candlestick silhouette motif in the top panel, and B = a single-leaf entrance door with a semi-circular blind light over the door, recessed behind a round-headed arched opening. Two narrow rectangular four-over-four windows flank the entranceway. Three gabled dormers are also on this section, two of which have six-over-six, double-hung sash windows while the third has stained glass. Immediately to the right of this block is the two-story projecting, gabled bay of the third section. This bay features a tripartite window with two four-over-four windows flanking a six-over-six window. Louvered shutters with the candle-



stick silhouette motif are featured at all windows in the bay. The second story has two six-over-six windows and a circular vent in the gable. The block to the right of the projecting bay is two-and-one half stories and has two bays. The first story has one single six-over-six window and one tripartite window identical to the tripartite window in the two-story projecting bay. Both windows have shutters identical to the other bays. Two ranks of two dormers each are at the roof of this block, with six-over-six sash windows (the upper-most dormers are smaller than the lower dormers). There is an arcaded porch with a dormer in the gabled roof to the right of this block. Other elevations feature casement windows; a projecting pavilion with porte-cochere; four large brick chimneys; and boxed cornices.

A contributing one-and-one-half story, three-bay garage and pool house, built in the same style as the main house, is included in the nominated property. Three double-door segmental-arched car bays are at the first story. Two dormers with six-over-six windows are on the front slope of the side gable roof. A noncontributing in-ground swimming pool is adjacent to this building.

#### SIGNIFICANCE

AREA OF SIGNIFICANCE: Architecture/Local History

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:   L   (FOR OFFICE USE ONLY)

The H.W. Ambrose House is significant as a fine example of a house-type reminiscent of an architectural style popular in Canada, and one very rare in the Southeast and for its association with Henry Ambrose.

Henry William Ambrose came to Conway from Wilmington, North Carolina in 1906 to become general manager of the Conway Lumber Company. The company was founded by Arthur M. Burroughs, whose house is included in the nomination for the Conway Multiple Resource Area (see individual inventory form). The Conway Lumber Company was one of the largest lumber mills in this part of South Carolina and shipped some 140 railroad car-loads of lumber a month in the boom years of the 1920s. Ambrose served as manager of this mill until his death in 1937.(1) He had this house built in an adaptation of the English manor style for his wife, Maude Law Ambrose. She was a native of Toronto, Canada, and wanted her new house to remind her of the architectural styles of that area.(2)

ACREAGE: 2.1 Acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: The boundary of the nomination is shown as the black line on the accompanying Horry County Tax Map # 123-13, section 8, parcel 14, drawn at a scale of 100 feet to the inch. The nominated property includes the house and its immediate setting.

QUAD NAME: Conway

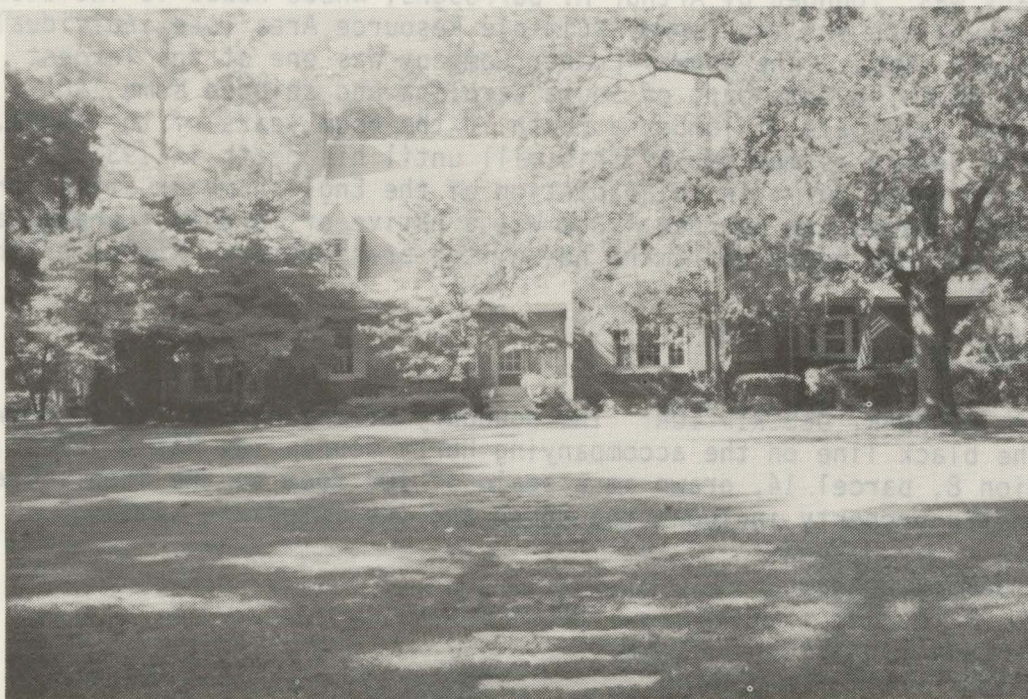


## NOTES

1) Elizabeth Ambrose Jones, "The Conway Lumber Co.," in The Independent Republic of Horry 1670-1970: Items From the Independent Republic Quarterly (Conway, S.C.: Horry County Historical Society, 1970), pp. 45-47; The Independent Republic Quarterly (Conway, S.C.: Horry County Historical Society), 4:3 (July 1970):47.



The H.W. Ambrose House, "Dunmeade", built 1924-1926.





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NAME OF MULTIPLE PROPERTY SUBMISSION: Conway Multiple Resource Area

PREFERRED NAME OF PROPERTY: W.H. Winborne House

COMMON NAME OF PROPERTY: Same

LOCATION: 1300 Sixth Avenue

CLASSIFICATION: Building

OWNER: Sallie L. Cooper  
363 Molasses Lane  
Mount Pleasant, S.C. 29464

#### DESCRIPTION

The W.H. Winborne House, constructed ca. 1925, is a brick one-and-one-half story, rectangular plan, cross-gable-roofed bungalow-craftsman style residence. It features built-in cabinet work, decorative mantels, and interior and exterior furniture made by W.H. Winborne, a woodworking and furniture craftsman who owned and operated a lumber company in Conway.

The facade (southeast elevation) is dominated by a broad peaked gable with knee-braces over an integral porch which wraps three elevations. At the facade the porch has five bays. Tapering, paired, square posts have brick-pier bases and slot balustrades. Fenestration at the facade is ABA, where A = a tripartite window with nine-over-nine, double-hung sash windows and small square corner panes, and B = a single entrance door with bevelled glass transom and sidelights over panels. A tripartite window with taller center light is centered in the shingle-sheathed gable. The left (southwest) elevation features a porte-cochere. The right (northeast) elevation, also a street elevation, has a projecting gable over the recessed three-bay porch. The paired porch posts support a horizontal board entablature. The gable end is shingle-sheathed and has the tripartite window motif as in the facade gable. There is an exposed chimney with flanking single glass-pane doors. The foundation is brick pier with brick infill and the roof has exposed rafter tails at the eaves.

The interior features many examples of Winborne's woodworking expertise. Most notable are the fireplace mantels with carved details; a built-in secretary in the living room; and a built-in china cabinet in the parlor. The living room and parlor also have mouldings applied to the walls in a still-and-rail motif and boxed-beam ceilings.





The W.H. Winborne House, built ca. 1925, is a fine example of the bungalow-craftsman style residence.



The interior of this house features many examples of Winborne's woodworking expertise.



There are no extant outbuildings on the property.

### SIGNIFICANCE

AREA OF SIGNIFICANCE: Architecture

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: L (FOR OFFICE USE ONLY)

The W.H. Winborne House is significant as one of the finest bungalow-style residences in Conway and for its unique interior wood-working, much of which was executed by Winborne.

Wallace Henry Winborne came to Conway in 1906 from North Carolina and worked with the Burroughs Lumber Company, which he subsequently purchased and named the W.H. Winbourne Lumber Company. He built this residence ca. 1925, about the time of his retirement from the lumber business, and lived here until his death in 1947. Winborne had begun making cedar chests as a hobby and soon progressed to making more difficult pieces of furniture; after some time he decided to retire from his company and open a woodworking shop. He built the shop to the rear of this house and began crafting reproductions of antique furniture, which he sold to friends and other customers. Winborne also designed Conway's town clock, completed in 1939 and built from local cypress, which stands at the corner of Main Street and Third Avenue.(1)

ACREAGE: .4 Acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: The boundary of the nomination is shown as the black line on the accompanying Horry County Tax Map # 137-2, section 12, parcel 11, drawn at a scale of 100 feet to the inch. The nominated property includes the house and its immediate setting.

QUAD NAME: Conway

QUAD SCALE: 1:24,000

UTM REFERENCE POINT: 17/680260/3745520

### NOTES

1) Eleanore Winborne Lash, "Portrait of A Craftsman," The Independent Republic Quarterly (Conway, S.C.: Horry County Historical Society) 8:1 (January 1974): pp. 31-32; Catherine H. Lewis, "Conway's Town Clock," The Independent Republic Quarterly (Conway, S.C.: Horry County Historical Society) 13:1 (Winter 1979): pp. 24-25.



The Horry County Historical Society would like to recognize & thank the following members who chose to become a PATRON or SPONSOR of the Society for the year 1988.

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Susan S. Carson, 501 N. Atlantic, Southport, N.C. 28461, is seeking information on JAMES HEWETT, SR. who was born in North Carolina, perhaps about 1783 or 1784, and his son James, Jr. (born about 1820, probably in South Carolina). James Jr. was father of five children: William Ottoway, A. E. (also called Allen), Mary Elizabeth and Nancy Caroline (by his first wife), and Martha Jane by his second wife, Amelia Jane Hewett, daughter of Reuben Hewett of Brunswick County, North Carolina. Ms Carson needs the names of James Jr.'s mother and first wife.

Susan S. Carson is also looking for information of the location of the grave of Martha Ellen (called Ellen or Ellender most of the time) Hewett COLEMAN. Her first husband was Josephus Hewett and her second husband was John Coleman. She died in South Carolina. Her death certificate states she was buried in Morris Cemetery. Where is this cemetery?

Mrs. Blake Kocher, 212 S. Hale Ave., Tampa, FL 33609, would like to know if the Society has genealogical data on the HANKINS family which lived in Horry County before and after 1800. Matthew Hankins and his son, Dennis, were Mrs. Kocher's ancestors.



1732

[The first royal governor, Robert Johnson, had the task of establishing townships on the frontiers of the colony for the dual purpose of fending off possible Spanish or Indian attack and for developing the backcountry economically. They were located on a perimeter around Charleston of about one hundred miles. The following document shows that Kingston Township had been laid out and that the land it encompassed had only two possible claimants at the time. Source: Journal of the Upper House of Assembly, 3 March 1732/33, p. 388. Photocopy supplied by Marion Chandler, South Carolina Dept. of Archives and History.]

And the following Message was also sent to ye Lower House of Assembly

Mr Speaker & Gent

In answer to your message yesterday by Mr. Ashley and Mr. Cockran in relation to the Township on Waccamaw River, we acquaint you that agreeable to the report of a Comtee of both Houses the last Session (a Copy whereof we herewith send you) the Township on Wacamaw River hath been mark'd out & named Kings Town, & the Courses of the River duly taken, & as new Comers shall arrive to settle the same proper orders will be given to the Surveyor Gener. to compleat the same by laying out to each person, what Lotts and Lands he shall be intituled to.

We are Sencible that there are Swamps on both Sides of the River, and Shall make it our Endeavours to lay out the Town & Township the most comodiously and in such Manner, as it may be beneficial to the whole Province.

We are assured that at the time of marking the said Township there were no Settlements made within the same, except one then begun by Jennour who claimed 700 acres, but by what Title we could not learn, he then being in North Carolina, nor were there any other Claims made to any Lands within the Township, that we could hear of, Save only by Mr. Wm. Waties of 500 Acres, at a Place called Pond Bluffe, but not then settled.

If any persons have presumed to run out Lands within the Township or Parish, Since that time they must blame themselves if they meet any disappointment for so doing.

By order of the Council,  
March 3, 1732

A. Middleton

MEMORAND. A Copy of the first Paragraph of the Report of Both Houses of thee 18th & 19th of November, 1731, was sent with this Message.



## A HISTORY OF STAR BLUFF, HORRY COUNTY, S.C.

By C.B. Berry

June 15, 1988

Star Bluff on the Waccamaw is a quiet community today that attracts fishermen and campers but is practically devoid of any commercial activity. It was not always so. Less than a century ago, the Gardner & Lacy Lumber Company, with headquarters in Georgetown, S. C., had the place alive with workmen removing the huge cypress trees from the abundant swampland and shipping them down to the mill to be cut into prized lumber. A number of other activities have occurred there in the years gone by.

A pioneer named Samuel Masters seems to be the first owner of record of Star Bluff. He was referred to as an Inn Keeper on Winyaw Bay near Georgetown where he obtained a grant for 600 acres of land on 19 June 1711. He also purchased lands in the same area in 1729 from Lewis John, an Indian Trader, in which he was referred to as a "Cooper." Travelers, passing over the ferry at Winyaw, often stopped in with Samuel Masters. He had a number of grants in and around Little River in the 1730's and an inlet at Cherry Grove Beach is referred to as "Masters Inlet" on the plat to one of these grants. He obtained a grant for 400 acres of land "called Star Bluff" on 28 August 1736 and, in this transaction, he was referred to as "Captain" Samuel Masters. It seems probable that he operated a boat carrying supplies on the Waccamaw during this time and which activity earned him the title of "Captain."

Samuel Masters died sometime prior to 1741 and his widow, Ann Masters, married Nathan Frink, son of Nicholas Frink, who came to the Little River area in the 1730's, from Connecticut, and for whom Little River Neck was called "Frinks Neck" for many years. Samuel and Ann Masters had only one



daughter, Martha Masters who married, first, Dennis Hankins who owned Lot 143 in Georgetown, S. C. (S. C. Hist. Mag., Vol. IX, No. 2, April 1908) and from this marriage was born 2 sons, Dennis Hankins, Jr. and Masters Hankins.

Ann Masters Frink and her second husband, Nathan Frink, apparently made their home on Star Bluff for several years then sold out to old William Gause who was an Inn Keeper at Windy Hill Beach. A road ran directly from Windy Hill inland, crossing the Waccamaw River at Star Bluff. The deed is as follows:

Nathan Frink, to William Gause, Inn Keeper, all and whole, my stock of cattle on Waccamaw, likewise my sheep, 8 geese, and old canoe, and sundry household furniture, plantation tools, one desk with drawers, 1 large mahogany table, one small tea table, two small tea tables, 2 chests, 3 bedsteads, 1 couch and 2 feather beds, 3 iron pots, 1 tea kettle, 1 pair mill stones, 1 case quart bottles, 4 old chairs, axes and hoes, 2 grind stones and 400 acres of land, known as Star Bluff, for 300 pounds current money.

Nathan Frink puts William Gause into quiet possession of the land and mansion house and all rights except the "quit rents" hereinafter due his Majesty, "By delivery of Twig and Turf." The deed was signed on February 6, 1751, at Star Bluff on the Waccamaw. Nathan Frink apparently moved to North Carolina after selling out to William Gause. Also, several of William Gause's sons also moved to North Carolina and settled, among other places, at what was to become Gause's Landing, just South of the present day Ocean Isle Beach. William Gause, Jr., who made his home there, entertained President George Washington with breakfast on Wednesday, April 27, 1791, during the president's Southern Tour. William Gause, Jr., who was also visited by Francis Asbury, the Methodist "Prophet of the Long Road", is buried in a small cemetery at Seaside, just Southwest of the intersection of Highway 179 (the coastal highway) and Highway 904 in a grave that has no tombstone.



At least two of William Gause's sons obtained land in the Star Bluff area prior to the Revolutionary War. In Plat Book 16, Page 43, Pre-Revolutionary Plats, S. C. Archives are plats as follows: "By precept dated 2 March 1773, I have admeasured and laid out to John Gause a plantation or tract of land containing 200 acres situated on Wampee Swamp, waters of the Waccamaw River, in Prince George Parish, bounded on all sides vacant. Certified 20 June 1774. Alexius Mador Forster, D. S." Also on the same page is the following: "Below is tract of 100 acres of land granted to Benjamin Gause and situated at Star Bluff, and all sides bounded by vacant land. Certified 25 June 1774."

In later years, the Vereens and Bellemes came into possession of the land around Star Bluff. In Deed Book B-1, Page 227, Horry County Records, is the following: "I, John S. Dewitt, for \$100.00 paid by John Belleme, Jr., have sold one half of that plantation whereon I now live, known by name of Wampee, situated on Waccamaw River near Star Bluff and bounded Westerly and Northerly on Waccamaw; Easterly on Cader Hughes land; Southerly on Mr. Duboise land, the said plantation or tract of land I heired from the estate of Jeremiah Vereen, deceased, in right of my wife.

"Also one other tract containing 500 acres surveyed and granted to the said Jeremiah Vereen adjoining the aforesaid land and is bounded South on Cader Hughes and William Belleme's land; West on Star Bluff land and North on Waccamaw River. 5 February 1819 (42nd. year of U. S. Independence). Signed John S. Dewitt. Wit: William Bellemee and John Harris, Junr."

Boats plying the Waccamaw River furnished supplies for the countryside at Wampee and Star Bluff. In an interview with Thomas Walter Livingston (b. 1876) on September 17, 1959, he stated the following to this writer: "Hagens and Banter from New York, ran a store right at the river at Star Bluff about seventy five years ago. They also ran the Star Bluff Ferry at the time. After some years, they closed up and left."



In the Horry County Records, Deed Book S, Page 765, is the following: "December 18, 1877 - Deed for 30 acres of land at Star Bluff conveyed to Frederick A. Higgins and Albert Z. Banta ('Carpenters in trade under the firm name of Higgins & Banta')....being a portion of a tract originally granted to Samuel Masters 5 June 1742 for 400 acres and subsequently conveyed to John Harris and by John Vereen and William Lee, heirs of John Harris, conveyed to me about 1836.....Robert Livingston...dower, Hellon P. Livingston."

The 1880 census records show: Little River Township:

Albert Z. Banta, Age 27 (white, male)

Frederick A. Higgins, Age 29 (white, male)

On August 10, 1959, I interviewed Mr. Isaac Purley Edge (May 13, 1887 - Sept. 30, 1966), son of Isaac P. "Handy" Edge and his wife, Cenith Grainger, who made their home where the Forest Lake Subdivision in North Myrtle Beach is located. Mr. Purley operated the first hardware business in Ocean Drive Beach, adjacent to the corner lot at the intersection of Main Street and Ocean Boulevard. The property is still owned by his heirs as this is written. He stated that Banta, of Higgins and Banta, of Star Bluff, was crippled. He said he just could remember this as a tiny child.

Frederick A. Higgins was the first postmaster for Wampee when the post office was established 3 March 1880. Since Higgins operated a store at Star Bluff, it would seem likely that the post office was located there but I have no information on this. Other postmasters for Wampee were William S. Thompson appointed 5 January 1881; Marcus Bear Thompson, appointed 13 June 1889; and Katherine M. (Bogie) Ward, 29 May 1919. She served for more than twenty years and was succeeded by Mrs. R. E. Bell who was the last postmaster for Wampee.

Grover Lee ("Mark") Bellamy (1891 - Jan. 17, 1968) represented Horry County in the South Carolina Legislature (with H. Kemper Cooke) for the term 1931-1932.



I interviewed Mark on August 15, 1959, and he stated that when the highway department was planning U. S. Highway 17 (it was originally Highway No. 31), it was routed to come up from Myrtle Beach and cross the Waccamaw River at Star Bluff. He stated that part of the right-of-way had already been cleared. In such a location, the highway would have missed all of the Northern Horry Beaches (the Intracoastal Waterway did not exist then). He contacted Highway Commissioner Charles H. Moorefield and others and arranged to relocate the highway to its present location. This apparently was the connection of Highway 9 with the new U. S. Highway 17.

The Star Bluff Ferry was rechartered on 3 June 1902 by James B. Morse for a period of 21 years. His charter was certified by Joseph Todd, County Supervisor; Ray Worley and W. L. Hardee, county commissioners. It was a small ferry and, after automobiles came upon the scene, they were ferried over, one at the time. Morse was apparently succeeded by Duke Watts and his family who were the last operators. There was no need for a ferry after the Waccamaw River bridges were built on S. C. Highway 9 and it was discontinued. The ferry had existed for approximately two and a half centuries.

#### CAN YOU HELP?

Ellen L. Francis Pye, 3 Aintree Ave., Charleston Heights, SC 29405 would like any information on Elizabeth C. STALVEY, 1841-1933, and Asbury STALVEY C.S.A. (no dates). Both are buried at Lakeside Cemetery. She would like the address of the cemetery. Also, Peter J. E. STALVEY, wife Elizabeth JORDAN, had a daughter Catherine Mansfield Stalvey, first married to Amos Leonard GIESEA in January 1884. They had one son, Fred Giesea. Her second marriage was to David A. FRANCES, October 1885 and they had one son, David A. Frances. Peter J. E. Stalvey died in 1905. Elizabeth Jordan Stalvey died in 1908. Catherine Stalvey Frances died at age 36, 1905.



## CAN YOU HELP?

Louise H. Parker, 205 S. Hale, Tampa, FL 33609 wants information on the parents or siblings of Francis BREWER (in 1790 Census) (but more correctly BROUARD or BREWARD). He married Sarah BELL in Charleston about 1785 and had a merchantile business in All Saints Parrish. Also wants information on parents or family of Nathan NORTON who was born in North Carolina in 1765 and married Mary BLOCKER. They were in South Carolina by 1800, Camden County, Georgia in 1810 and Nassau County in 1830. He had brothers William, Barak, Jephthah and three others.

## TO THE INDEPENDENT REPUBLIC QUARTERLY

Herewith is a letter, written in 1863, from Tallwood, Waccamaw. Tallwood Swamp lies between the present day Stephens Cross Roads and Wampee. Addleton Bellamy, who is referred to in the letter, had a home across the river near the present day Longs. The old house was torn down about twenty five years ago.

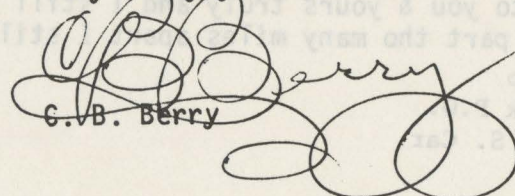
Seth Bellamy, also referred to in the letter, was a land surveyor in the community.

The letter was furnished by a Bellamy descendant, Mrs. Ione Woodall, 1932 Chenango Avenue, Clearwater, Florida 34615. Her letter said:

"This letter proves to me that William Bellamy only had one wife who was Mary Bellamy and not Mary West. It was written by Mary D. (Bellamy) Montgomery to her sister, Ann Frink (Bellamy) White, and was found recently in an old trunk that belonged to a granddaughter of Ann F. White.

"There were other letters concerning the Whites and Tinneys but this is the only one from Horry Co. and I thought that you might like a copy. Note that it also shows a child for Wm. Addleton Bellamy that no one knew about."

Very truly yours,

  
C.V.B. Berry



Tallwood Waccamaw

All Saints, S. C.

Nov. 14th. 1863

Dear Sister:

After my best love & respects to you & family, Hoping these few lines may find you & family enjoying good health, as it leaves me and mine not well tho we are slowly recovering from the small pox. All my family is down and has been down with it. Dear sister it is with deep regret that I must inform you our old Mother departed this life on the 29th. Sept. 1863, age 77 years and some months. Dide with small pox. The disease was brought from Virginia by one of Addletons sons, who was wounded. Addleton's wife & child dide with the same disease and a good many has died with it. No person would go to see Mother & do any thing for her but my family. Seth and Addleton the rest kept of to windward. Then I took the fever and pox and my son John also, who had just come home out of the army. I like to never got home & come close dying. Betsy went next day after she was buried and took everything that was there belonging to our Mother, and gave the rest none. There is 12 Negroes there that Mother could not give to Betsy & Abe (viz) Step, Sharlotte, Jim & Athos 8 children making 12; 9 other negroes she deeded to Betsy and left not a Read to the rest of her children. I suppose she had forgot that she had any more. Seth says he intends to sue for them and take them. I think he can obtain them for the heirs. Dear Sister, I wish you could come, I.....(one line illegible) You have a share in the 12 Negroes if we aren't cheated out of them. Dear Sister, you Recollect when you left Stancel Old Field & moved to Florida, that you gave me your loomb and told me to keep it till you wanted it. I brought it to my fathers and put it up and when I married in 1835, Mother said she could not do without the loomb so I let her keep it as mine, and since Mothers death, Betsy has took the loomb and says she was her Mothers own property that you nor White never owned a loomb nor was worth one, and you bought the lomb from old Hinds I think. If you feel disposed and recollect it and how you gave me the loomb, you will do me a favor to make a affidavit of it before a magistrate and send it to me. It will help to break the deed that Mother gave them for the 9 Negroes. You must appoint someone to see you have justice. I no my husband will do all he can to have justice done, it is all he wants. Our old Mother had done rong in a unguarded hour by being beguiled & over persuaded to do what she did. Dear Sister, let us pray for each other, our country is ruined, war raging. I have two sons in the army. I have only 4 children a live 3 boys and our little girl. I should have wrote to you sooner but could not on account of sickness. We have had more sickness since April last than in ten years before. We lost 3 negroes by death and one went to the Yankees. It is hard times. I never have seen such hard times in my life. The cannon is roaring daily and Charleston is still holding out bravely. God only noes what is to become of us. No crops made on account of the wet. There ain't one out of ten that has made enough and it ain't to be had. Corn \$4.00 per bu. Bacon....(line illegible) If this letter is fortunate enough to reach you & may God in his infinite mercy protect you & yours from harm. I must close by saying that all my family wish to be remembered to you & yours truly and I still remain your loving sister till death us do part tho many miles apart I still think of you

PS Direct to  
Dogwood Neck P.O.  
All Saints, S. Car.

Respectfully, Yr. Sister  
Mary D. Montgomery



## THE EARLY SCHOOL BUS

by Esther Long Clamp

I have persuaded my mother, Mrs. Heyward Clamp (Esther Flora Long, Maple section, Horry County) to write down what she remembers of the first school bus in her section of the county.

She told me this story about an incident that happened when she was riding one of the first school buses from Maple to Conway.

The school bus driver was a Mr. Phipps, who was a very strict disciplinarian. He made the boys sit on one side of the the bus and the girls on the other and tried to keep them from talking and cutting up. One morning on the way to school the country roads were slick because it had rained the night before, and the bus started to slide into the ditch. With a little extra jumping and bouncing by some of the boys, the bus slid on in. No one got hurt, but the bus was tilted at such an angle that the boys and girls were all piled up on one side and having the biggest time they ever had. A passerby looked in the back of the bus and said, "Well! The boys and girls have finally got themselves all mixed up. Let's let them stay that way for a while."

Following are my mother's notes as she gave them to me. The late J. Reuben Long, whom she mentions, was her brother, who later became a well-known Conway attorney and Horry County Solicitor:

"One of the first school buses in Horry County, and perhaps the first, was a home made bus which transported 15 students from the Maple section of the county to Conway High School.

The small High Schools did not give adequate preparation for College. Some students rode horses from the County to Conway to school. The late J. Reuben Long rode a big black horse from Maple to Conway. Almon Collins (now Dr. Almon Collins, Evangelist of Columbia, S.C.) and his younger sister Louise traveled from Maple to Conway in a little cart pulled by a pony.

After the late Amos Long graduated from Clemson in 1925, he taught school at Maple for one year. His job when he accepted the school was to act as Superintendent, and teach all of the students in the High School. He learned that a law had been passed to allow funding of school buses from rural areas to larger High Schools. Mr. Long made the necessary arrangements for a bus. This lightened his teaching load to just 6th & 7th grades.

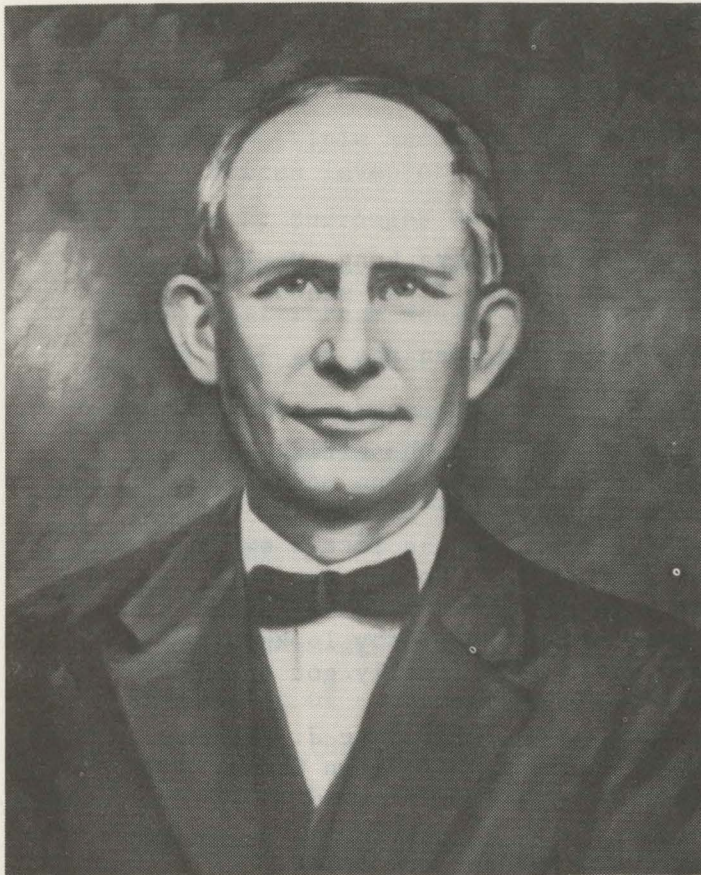
The late Needham Collins converted a flat bottomed truck into a home made bus. The body of the bus was covered with lumber leaving openings down the sides like windows. These openings were protected by heavy canvas which could be put down during bad weather. There was a bench on each side of the bus. Mr. Collins furnished the bus and operated it for \$60 a month. His son Almon (now Dr. Collins of Columbia, S.C.) drove the bus from Maple to Conway.

The home made school bus was great progress in 1925 and the fore runner of the modern school buses which we have today. "

I hope these notes will be of interest to your readers. They may bring back memories for some.

Heyward Clamp, Jr.





Joseph William Holliday, Jr.



Lucy Mayo Holliday



This is an early photograph of the J.W. Holliday, Jr. house.



### The Joseph William Holliday House

by Mr. & Mrs. David B. Smith  
with the assistance of Mr. William Light Kinney, Jr.

The fifteen-room Joseph William Holliday House, 701 Laurel Street, Conway, South Carolina, is an outstanding example of Beaux Arts architecture of the 1850-1910 period. The facade of the large, two-story white house has four monumental Ionic columns. The expansive wrap-around front porch is supported by a colonnade of eighteen Ionic columns and was designed to catch the breeze during hot summer days. Behind the massive columns on the second story is a balcony enclosed by a white wooden bannister.

The structure was built of heavy heart-of-pine and oak materials native of Horry County at the turn of the century when the county was a naval stores center. Adjacent to the right of the house is a connected large portcochere originally constructed to cover the horse and carriage.

The heavy front door with carved wooden ornamentation holds a beveled oval glass, the etching of which matches the four rectangular window panes to either side of the door. The interior hallway contains detailed oak wainscoating, a pressed tin ceiling with its original brass light fixture, and an unusual oak colonnade separating the front hall from the back hall. Woodwork in the center at the top of the colonnade has a wooden carved "H" for the Holliday name. The back hallway contains the stairs descending gracefully from the upstairs and also has a heavy back door leading to the back porch. Massive oak pocket doors lead to the living room which also has a pressed tin ceiling trimmed with eight-inch cornicing and a large oak mantelpiece encasing a beveled edged mirror.

All door fixtures are of the original brass installed in the house. The ceilings throughout the structure are fourteen feet in height and are framed with eight-inch cornicing in the downstairs rooms. All rooms upstairs and downstairs have oak floors. The transoms over the doors in the dining room and bedrooms were used for ventilation in the early days. There are fireplaces with natural oak or painted mantels in every room which were used as the only source of heat. Several mantelpieces house beveled edged mirrors. Italian tiles surround the grate openings.

The dining room, characteristic of this era, is spacious with oak wainscoating and a huge mantelpiece. This room contains the old brass chandelier, as well as a small window in the built-in china cabinet through which food was passed from the kitchen to the dining room. The butler's pantry between the kitchen and the dining room is typical of the era. Located at the rear of the house, the large kitchen has the original chimney. Both bathrooms have oversized footed bathtubs and pedestal lavatories of the era.

The original owner of the house was Mr. Joseph William Holliday, a prosperous tobacco grower and landowner. In 1910 he had the house constructed using local materials. The grounds were landscaped in 1916 by the Landscaping Company of Augusta, Georgia. The Holliday House was considered the finest in Conway when it was completed. Among the original furnishings purchased for the house are: the entire oak dining room suit with heavy claw-footed chairs, china cabinet and side board; a huge oak



bedroom suit with a massive matching wardrobe; a long oak claw-footed table which Mr. Holliday used as his business desk; and various other pieces of furniture with ornately carved legs typical of the turn-of-the-century style.

In December, 1926, the Peter Horry Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution was organized in the Holliday House by Miss Mary Elizabeth Holliday, DAR Regent and daughter of Mr. Joseph William Holliday. The house today is unaltered and conveys the prosperity of the era of large Southern landowners and the early beginnings of tobacco cultivation in the Pee Dee.

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Materials for publication in the IRQ are welcomed and may be submitted to:  
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A view of Snow Hill from Kingston Lake, Conway, S.C.  
on October 9, 1988.